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1. "Merx" Import-und Export G.m.b.H., Vienna I, Seitzergasse 1, a firm closely affiliated with the Laenderbank through one of its directors, Ferdinand ALBERGUESPERGER, has purchased 60 percent of the total cellulose yarn output of Lenzinger Zeitvölle und Papierfabrik A.G., Lenzing, Upper Austria, for export to Poland. Some cellulose yarn has already been shipped to Poland.
2. This same businessman alleges "Merx" recently purchased large quantities of precision and optical instruments in Great Britain, ostensibly for sale on the Austrian market, but actually for sale to the Satellite countries.
3. Dr. Fane JELLINEK of "Merx" alleges that he frequently travels to Czechoslovakia and Poland and is now trying to procure 100-horsepower electric motors for shipment to Poland. JELLINEK is described as a well dressed, 45 year old man who has dark hair, pale complexion and an oval face.*

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* Comment: Although JELLINEK is not listed in the 1950 Handels Compass as a director of this firm, a report from another agency dated 20 April 1949, identifies him as the head of "Merx". It is interesting to note that one JELLINEK,

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an employee of "Elgo" Elektro und Handel G.m.b.H., Vienna II, Castellezgasse 36, makes frequent business trips to Warsaw and Moscow for USIA.

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